

# ST. JOSEPH CATHOLIC SCHOOL



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### At a Glance:

Jan. 11	Safe Kids Training
	Knights of Columbus Hot Dog Lunch
Jan. 12	Geography Bee at 8:30 a.m. in hall
Jan. 18	NO SCHOOL-Martin Luther King
Holiday	
Jan. 22	Pro-Life Mass at 12:10 at Cathedral
Jan. 23	Catholic High School Placement Test

A note from Mrs. Wordelman ...

Happy New Year greetings to all of our school families! May your lives this new year be filled with health and happiness.

Please keep Mrs. O'Donnell and her family in your prayers over the coming days. Mrs. O'Donnell's father, Mr. Bono, passed away on Wednesday. We pray that his passing brings peace.

We are dedicating the month of January to Respect for Life. Everyday this month, we are praying a decade of the rosary for the benefit of persons who may be unable to stand up for themselves: the elderly, the outcast, the sick, and the unborn. On Friday, January 22, our Student Council Officers have been invited by Bishop Soto to attend a series of workshops aimed at junior high leaders on the topic of Respect for Life. The event will conclude with a Mass at the Cathedral at 12:10. Everyone is invited to attend the Mass.

Part of the strategic plan this year is to bring back the Science Fair which has been absent for some years. I am pleased to announce our school's Science Fair will take place during the kickoff of Catholic Schools Week. Please make plans on Sunday, January 31 to attend the 10:30 Mass at St. Teresa's. Visit the Parish Hall to view the winners of the 6<sup>th</sup>, 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grade projects. The 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> graders will be demonstrating their own experiments along with their knowledge of the scientific method. The other grades will also be participating, so be aware of any communication coming home from your homeroom teacher. It's always exciting to see our students with their various contraptions. The self-confidence that they exude in explaining their experiment to visitors is unbelievable!

Keep February 2 marked on your calendars as Grandparents/Grandfriends Day. Other events are being planned and we will communicate those to you as soon as the details are finalized.

A HUGE thank you to Dora and Jack Harbor, the Knights of Columbus and the great number of volunteers who

have assisted in parking lot duties at the fairgrounds this fall! Your efforts have resulted in a donation in excess of \$1,000 to the school! It was quite an unexpected Christmas gift for the school! We have so many blessings upon the school because of so many people. God bless you!

Another HUGE thank you to the McGrew family! Santa filled the school's ball shed this Christmas with a variety of different equipment: footballs, basketballs, bounce balls, Frisbees, cones and Spiderman balls! What a tremendous gift to our children!

Please keep our 8<sup>th</sup> graders in your prayers. We have several students who are continuing their Catholic education in choosing their high school. The placement tests will take place on Saturday, January 23. We pray for all of our 8<sup>th</sup> graders as they complete their term here, and begin preparing for the next leg of their educational careers.

Please join us for our annual geography bee this Tuesday, January 12 at 8:30 in the parish hall. It is one of my most favorite events of the year. Parents, you will be impressed by the information that some of our students know.

A new year has brought us a new bookkeeper. Patty Lavignino will be taking over the bookkeeping responsibilities effective this month. She will be on site on a very limited basis. Our banking procedures will be changing. We will keep you apprised of what they are. The school is extremely grateful to JoAnne Drummond and the parish of St. Teresa's for all the work that JoAnne has done. Her efforts have been a great savings to the school.

Enjoy the long nights ahead with your family and sharing books, stories, and prayers.

In the Peace of Christ,  
Mrs. Wordelman

**VIRTUS SAFE KIDS TRAINING:** Every year, we are asked by the diocese to help train our students to protect themselves against predators. This year's training will take place Monday, January 11. If you wish your child to "opt out" of the training, please see the email sent by Mrs. Williams this week to complete the "opt out" form and return it to school first thing Monday morning.

**KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS HOT DOG LUNCH:** Don't forget this Monday's hot dog lunch. Thank you to the Knights who are able to make this lunch complementary,

If your child is not big fan of hot dogs, please send along a lunch.

**PEP/FUNDRAISING HOURS COMMITMENT REPORT:**

Thank you to all the parents who volunteer time at our school. We prepare the hours report to make sure that the office has received all of the volunteer forms that have been signed off by committee chairs etc. Since we have been without a bookkeeper on site, Mrs. Williams has taken on this endeavor with help from Jennifer Lowe. Thank you, Jennifer! Please help us by turning your forms in. If there is a mistake on the hours report, please be assured that we will fix it and make it right.

**CATHOLIC SCHOOLS WEEK BOOK FAIR:** Get ready ... the Scholastic Book Fair is coming to St. Joseph School! Mrs. Barrett is the chairperson for this exciting annual event. She needs help to set up and run the fair for our wonderful students. If you can help, please call Mrs. Barrett at 878-1643. The set-up date is January 28<sup>th</sup> and the book previews are on January 29<sup>th</sup>. The Book Fair opens on Sunday, January 31<sup>st</sup> at 9:00 a.m. and runs until 12 noon. The Fair is open the following days and times:

- Monday, February 1<sup>st</sup> from 8:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.
- Tuesday, February 2<sup>nd</sup> from 9:00 to 4:00 p.m.
- Wednesday, February 3<sup>rd</sup> from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00

Additional details about Catholic Schools Week will be coming home in the next Cougar Pride.

**SCHOOL GARDEN PROGRAM NEWS:** Thank you to all the volunteers who are helping with the Garden Program. Please remember that in order to volunteer and assist with the students, you need to have your fingerprints on file in the office and you also need to have completed the Shield the Vulnerable program. Did Santa deliver new garden tools (i.e., a new rake) for the Holidays and are you scratching your head wondering what to do with the old stuff? Please keep in mind that the SJS Garden Program is happy to accept, or arrange a drop off or pick up, of any of the following items to be used in the Garden:

Garden Rakes (much needed)

Kids / Adult Gloves (much needed)

Garden Hoe

Pruning Sheers

Seeds / Any Assortment!

Watering Cans

Storage Bins

Wine Barrels

Weed Spray

If you have any questions about the garden program, please contact: Stacey McMath Kauinana at (916) 722-6177 / [smcmath@kleinfelder.com](mailto:smcmath@kleinfelder.com) or Bridget Piziali at [bpiziali@suddenlink.net](mailto:bpiziali@suddenlink.net).

**CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL PLACEMENT TEST:** The High School Placement Test for all 8<sup>th</sup> grade students interested in applying to Sacramento Area Catholic High Schools is Saturday, January 23<sup>rd</sup>, from 8:00 a.m. to 12

noon. Please contact the school directly to register or to answer any questions you may have.

**FUTURE 9<sup>TH</sup> GRADE NIGHT AT DEL ORO HIGH SCHOOL:** Save the date ... Tuesday, February 9<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 p.m. in the Robert K. Bonner Gymnasium. Meet the administrators, counselors and teachers and visit classrooms to learn all about Del Oro High School. Important dates will be given out regarding challenge tests, etc.

**MOTHER-DAUGHTER EVENT:** Saturday, March 13<sup>th</sup> is the Mother-Daughter Bowl-a-Thon. Reminders and invitations will be sent home at a later date.

**AUBURN SYMPHONY 'S YOUNG ARTIST**

**COMPETITION:** We have received information and applications from the Auburn Symphony for any of our students who are interested in participating in their Young Artist Competition. The application form and a cassette tape or CD of auditions are due no later than Friday, January 29<sup>th</sup>; Division 1-ages 8-11; Division 2-ages 12-16. Finalists are selected in February and the live auditions will be held on March 6<sup>th</sup>. Stop by the office for all the details.